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## MASSACRE THE CHRISTIANS!

It seems hardly conceivable, at this day, that a general massacre of foreigners should have been agreed upon, and the date set for carrying the atrocious plot into execution, even by the Chinese. The Chinese, it is true, are as a people in the mass largely hostile to foreign influences and to foreigners themselves. This must be the case in a nation isolated by its own act from world communication for many centuries—growing more and more narrow as the years went on.

There have been, in the past, many manifestations of this hostility, and some of these have been bloody. But even the Boxer uprising, full of portent as it was, was a manifestation of Chinese hostility to foreigners confined to a comparatively small section of China and participated in by a relatively small number of Chinese. It is perhaps true that the whole of China was seething with hatred at that time, but the whole of China did not rise in arms. If it had, the powers that experienced such difficulty in reaching Peking, would have met a task much harder than the one that they found. And even in the Boxer uprising, all the pagan Chinese in the disturbed region did not participate.

For the rest, the Chinese attacks upon foreign missions and upon foreigners have been sporadic—and sometimes perhaps made with better cause, in the minds of the Chinese at least, than the world has realized. Those foreigners who have traveled in the interior of China have reported that the natives, when local prejudices were not outraged, were in the main found to be friendly. There are Americans in Honolulu who can testify to this—men who have been far in the interior of the Central kingdom, and who have taken pleasure in their experiences there.

And so we must be permitted to doubt the accuracy of the statement that the Chinese have set February 25, or any other date, for driving all the foreigners into the sea, even though the statement be made on the authority of the former secretary of the Chinese Six Companies. This cry of wolf has been heard before.

## BAN ON JACK LONDON.

"As Jack London publicly announces that he is an anarchist," says a late pronouncement issued by the trustees of the Derby Neck Library Association, of Derby, Connecticut, "devoting the constitution to hell and the government to destruction, the Derby Neck Library Association has ordered all his works withdrawn from circulation, and advises not only that other libraries do likewise, but that all lovers of their country cease to buy his books or take magazines publishing his stories."

The weak point is that a stand of the kind taken by the library associations of the country would give London and his work an importance not warranted by its literary merit nor its strength. London is a very clever writer of sketches about a land that he has himself discovered—as literary material. He has done work that will live, in spite of all the trustees of all the libraries under the sun. He has, of course, identified himself with the Socialists in his views of life. He has had the larger sympathy of genius with the struggles of the poor. Indeed, as the library trustees of Derby Neck are not likely to err in so important a matter, it is to be presumed that he has devoted the constitution to hell, and the country to destruction. But the constitution is not going—nor is the country. Both have resisted successfully much stronger pressure upon them in that direction than Jack London is ever likely to exercise.

And so it is possible that the Derby Neck people have given to London and his works an importance altogether beyond the merits of them—have made for him readers he did not have before. Something very much of the same kind followed the ban that was put upon the works of Oscar Wilde by the literary authorities of the whole world, in despite of the fact that Wilde's offending was unspeakable.

## A ROAD ACROSS THE MARSHES.

The experience of that military man who started to follow the Rapid Transit tracks to Waikiki calls attention once more to the need for a road through the McCully tract on that line. The old Waikiki drive can be made beautiful, and will always be the most popular way to the beach. It is the way that will be taken in preference, by persons who know the city.

The fact remains that a stranger coming to Honolulu and wanting to drive to Waikiki will always be prone to follow the line taken by a car having the sign "Waikiki" upon it. That is the natural impulse. A car labeled for Waikiki should go there, and the inference of the stranger is that where a car runs a buggy can go. If the driver of the vehicle attempts to make the trip by night, following the car, of course he will meet with the same kind of disaster as that which befel the military man. The fact that he will meet with disaster is made the more certain because there is a kind of wagon road that runs for a little distance along the street car right of way through the McCully tract before it trails off and is lost in the marsh, leaving the street railway grade standing high up in the air.

It seems that there is really a street through there, but you would never know it to look at the place. This is one of the first matters that should be taken up by the improvement clubs, and the Promotion Committee and the county authorities. We hear a good deal about the proposed improvement of the McCully tract, and the Waikiki swamps. Let us begin by making a way to cross the marshes.

The February number of Paradise of the Pacific excels even the usual high standard of that excellent magazine. The cover is in green, appropriate to the season in the Islands, and the editorial pages are local and marked by plain common sense views of passing events. An article on "Hawaiian Music" has an appropriate illustration—a picture of three women of Hawaii. "Through an Aiea Grove," photo by Gantley, maintains the class of pictures in the Paradise, and the same photographer is credited with an entirely new view of Diamond Head. Rev. W. D. Westervelt contributes "Laa from Tahiti," keeping up his studies of island folklore. This article is lightened by two superb island views, a beach scene and a picture of a grass hut on a bluff overlooking a long valley running down to the sea. A picture of a pa-u rider is timely, and the coconut trees shadowed in a rice field will recall Hawaii to many a wanderer in far-off lands. All the departments of the magazine are strictly up-to-date.

Rev. Sereno E. Bishop has very properly called attention to the fact that the climate of Hawaii is not tropical, but mildly sub-tropical. It seems to us, however, that the dress of a man is a matter of individual preference. Some men and most women prefer white clothing, and many men and almost all women wear white in Hawaii with comfort to themselves. So long as the deccencies are preserved, and sartorial art not slighted, the clothing is a matter that can safely be left to the taste and fancy of the wearer. But white clothes do make better photographs.

The delegation of Hawaiian business men seems to have made a very good impression in Washington. That wins for them the first part of the Territory's fight. There are men in Congress now who have become aware of the fact that the people here really dress and talk and look and act like Christians. That is a good foundation for the education of the mainlanders. It will be a long and an up-hill struggle, but the balance of the battle can be won in time.

Three of the northern provinces of Japan are stricken with famine, the people living on roots and weeds and thousands being in danger of starvation. It is because of this condition that President Roosevelt the other day issued an appeal for help. It is an appeal that should meet with a ready response from the generous people of America.

After all, Count Boni de Castellane's debts are only eighteen millions of francs—and he thought he had the Gould millions to draw upon. The moderation of some men is really remarkable.

The talk about a lock canal at Panama would indicate that the President is not so strenuous that he would kick half a loaf away from him when he finds that he can not get a whole one.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

The Second Infantry Band gave a concert at the Royal Hawaiian last night.

G. C. Widney, a magazine illustrator, with his wife and daughter, who have spent the past two months here, are booked on the Ventura.

Captain W. W. Harris of the United States Engineer Corps, accompanied by his wife and children, was a seager on the S. S. China. He is making a holiday trip.

Park Expert Robinson viewed the city from Punchbowl yesterday and visited Waikiki with his party. Today he will visit Kailhi, Palama, the Kamehameha Schools and Moanalua.

A more frequent car service from the Rapid Transit Co. is being petitioned for by members of the Kaimuki, Waialae and Palolo Improvement Clubs, who have secured business men's signatures to support them.

The annual meeting of the Hospital Flower Society will be held on Friday afternoon in the parlor of the Y. W. C. A. at four o'clock. A full attendance of the members is desired as the election of officers and other important business will be transacted.

A committee from the W. C. T. U. will attend the lectures given by Miss Olive M. Blunt on Japan to enroll all children willing in the Temperance Legion. Two hundred and fifty yards of baby ribbon will be done up in badges for the Legion recruits.

Preparations for the Floral Fiesta ball at the Hawaiian Hotel tomorrow night are progressing. The stand to the Hawaiian quintet club between the two outer stairways and the circular lanais is completed and will be decorated today. A specially arranged program has been prepared for the occasion.

A Kailhi Road Improvement Club was organized on Monday night at the Kailhi-waena schoolhouse, considerable enthusiasm being shown by those in attendance. The club includes all residents of both sides of Kailhi stream, absorbing the Kailhi club organized some months ago. A public playground for children is among the things to be worked for.

The police were called in to assist Tax Collector Francis yesterday morning in making a seizure of goods to satisfy a delinquent taxes claim of \$125 against the Fung Sun Co. on Nuuanu street, near Beretania. The Chinamen resisted the taking away of their furniture, and several policemen were necessary to hold them back from interference.

Chung Sun enjoyed a few hours of liberty yesterday, climbing out of the Honolulu jail in the morning and leading a couple of guards a chase around town until four o'clock, when he was gathered in by Officer Palenapa at the corner of King and Liliha streets. He was serving a three months' sentence for vagrancy and had been given a good deal of liberty around the jail, being, in High Sheriff Henry's opinion, a fit subject for the asylum.

A fire inquest has been ordered to investigate the blaze which occurred yesterday morning shortly after midnight at the grocery store, corner of Alapai and Young, which is thought to be of incendiary origin. This building was set on fire last week, traces of coal oil being found after the fire had been extinguished. Two men, Wong Wai and W. Tai On, were arrested on suspicion yesterday, but have since been released from custody.

## WILL MEET THE GIRLS.

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lander, will go out to the steamer this morning with a load of leis and each young lady will be given a floral welcome. Mr. Wann has arranged that the party will have a special float in the Floral Parade tomorrow.

In charge of the party is Mrs. Edyth Tozier Weathered of Portland. She is a member of the Portland Press Club, the Oregon Press Association, the International League of Press Clubs and the National Editorial Association. She was the first grand secretary of the Cabin of Native Daughters of Oregon.

From an advertising standpoint the visit of these young ladies can not fail to be good for the Islands on the mainland. Their coming here has been advertised extensively in the Daily Journal, which devoted three columns a day with cuts of Island scenes to the trip.

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